

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. - 6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein providing a current position of the cam comprises capturing a position of the cam with a sensor that is coupled to the positional controller.

8. -11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein providing a current position of the cam comprises calculating a position of the cam with a signal from an integral rotor position sensor of the motor.

13. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling a metering cycle of a pump, the pump including a diaphragm coupled to a ram, the ram being moved by a cam, which is rotated by a shaft of an electric motor, in order to displace the diaphragm in a first direction, for a compression stroke of the metering cycle, and then in a second direction for an aspiration stroke of the metering cycle, the method comprising:

providing input of a required quantity of a metered medium to a positional controller that is coupled to a controller of the electric motor, the required quantity being that to be delivered during the compression stroke of the metering cycle;

providing input of a current position of the rotating cam to the positional controller;

calculating a currently required rotating speed for the motor based upon the input of the required quantity of the metered medium and the current position of the rotating cam, only if the current position of the rotating cam corresponds to the compression stroke of the metering cycle, the calculating being carried out by the positional controller;

transmitting, from the positional controller to the controller of the motor, the calculated currently required rotating speed of the motor, the motor being an EC motor; and adjusting a rotating field inside the motor to reach the calculated currently required rotating speed, the adjusting being carried out by the controller of the motor during the compression stroke of the metering cycle; and increasing a quantity of metered medium delivered per unit of time just before the end of the compression stroke by increasing the rotational speed of the motor just before the end of the compression stroke.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling a ram actuated pump comprising:

providing an electronically commuted motor for driving linear reciprocation of a ram in a first direction corresponding to a compression stroke and a second direction corresponding to an aspiration stroke;

varying a rotational speed of the commuted motor to maintain a substantially constant linear speed of the ram during a substantially the entire portion of the compression stroke; and

increasing the ram speed immediately before the end of the compression stroke thereby increasing the quantity of metered media delivered per unit time at the end of the compression stroke.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the rotational speed of the commuted motor is varied based in part on a sensed rotor position and a sensed cam position.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein varying the rotational speed of the electronically commuted motor during the compression stroke includes rotating the motor at a relatively high speed at the start of the compression stroke, rotating the motor at a relatively low speed approximately mid way into the compression stroke, and increasing the rotating speed towards the end of the compression stroke.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the rotational speed of the commuted motor is maintained substantially constant relatively high speed during the aspiration stroke, while the linear speed of the ram varies.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein an average speed of the ram during the compression stroke is substantially less than an average speed of the ram during the aspiration stroke.